**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Allegations of irregularities for slow progress of MPFC godowns as per schedule – Departmental proceedings initiated against 1) Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada 2) Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM), Kakinada and 3) Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM), O/o. DEE(AM), Kakinada and presently OD at O/o.DEE(AM), Eluru – Articles of Charges issued - Written Statement of Defence submitted - Further action Dropped - Orders – Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION(VIG.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 404** **Dated: 04-06-2025**

**Read the following:-**

1. E-file Computer No.1903459 received from the C&DoAM., AP., Guntur on 07.02.2023 and 21.03.2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.274, A&C(VIG.II) Deptt., dated:20.04.2023.
3. G.O.Rt.No.275, A&C(VIG.II) Deptt., dated:20.04.2023.
4. Written Statement of Defence dated:01.06.2023 of Sri Venkateswara Palo, Dy.EE (AM), Kakinada.
5. Written Statement of Defence dated:17.08.2023 of Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, EE(AM), Vijayawada.
6. Govt. Memo No. MKTG/115/2023-VIG.II, dated:30.10.2023.
7. From the DoAM, AP, Guntur, Lr.No.AGC05-24021/1/2024, dated:11.09.2024.
8. G.O.Ms.No.85, A&C(Vig.II) Deptt., dated:19.09.2024.
9. G.O.Rt.No.589, A&C(Vig.II) Deptt., dated:19.09.2024.
10. G.O.Rt.No.590, A&C(Vig.II) Deptt., dated:19.09.2024.
11. G.O.Rt.No.591, A&C(Vig.II) Deptt., dated:19.09.2024.
12. E-file Computer No.2316095 received from the C&DoAM., AP., Guntur on along with (3) Written Statements of defence.

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**O R D E R:**-

In the reference 1st read above, the C&DoAM has informed that, during the Zoom Conference held on 12.11.2022 on AIF Projects, the then C&DoAM, AP., has instructed to issue Charge Memos to Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, EE(AM), Vijayawada and Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM), Kakinada for non execution of MPFC godowns as per schedule and slow progress of works. As per Govt., instructions, the C&DoAM has furnished the Draft articles of charges against Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, EE(AM), Vijayawada and Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM), Kakinada.

**2)** In the reference 2nd & 3rd read above, the Government have initiated Departmental Proceedings by framing Articles of Charges against Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada and Sri Venkateswara Palo, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM), Kakinada for the above irregularities and communicated the same to them through DoAM., AP.

**3)** In the reference 4th & 5th read above, both the C.Os have submitted their written statements of defence denying the charges framed against them and requested to drop further action against them considering the facts and circumstances explained by them. After examination of the written statements submitted by the COs, asked the DoAM., to furnish certain information vide reference 6th read above.

**4)** In the reference 7th read above, the DoAM, A.P., Guntur, has furnished the additional draft AOCs against Sri Y. Srinivasa Rao, EE(AM), Vijayawada and Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM), Kakinada and fresh draft AOCs against Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM), O/o. DEE(AM), Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru.

**5)** In the references 8th read above, Govt., have initiated Common Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 against the (3) C.Os. on the allegations of irregularities for non execution of MPFC godowns as per schedule/commitment and slow progress of works etc.

**6)** In the references 9th to 11th read above, Government have framed Additional Articles of Charges against Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada and Sri Venkateswara Palo, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM), Kakinada and fresh Article of Charges against Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM), O/o. DEE(AM), Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru, under Rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991, for non deliver the bills since 6 months and pay poor attention on progress of works etc., and communicated the same to them to submit their written statement of defence.

**7)** In the reference 12th read above, the DoAM., has furnished the Written Statements of Defences of Sri Venkateswara Palo, Deputy Executive Engineer(AM), Kakinada dated:06.11.2024, Sri Y.Srinivasa Rao, Executive Engineer(AM), Vijayawada dated:28.11.2024 and Sri M. Srinivasu, AE(AM), O/o. DEE(AM), Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru, dated:29.11.2024, for taking further course of action. The (3)Charged officers, Sri Y.Srinivas Rao, Executive Engineer(AM) Vijayawada, Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM) Kakinada & Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM) Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru have submitted their defence statements. As seen from the WSDs submitted by the C.Os., they stated that the main reason for slow progress of the works are the due to estimates were prepared, sanctioned and agreements concluded without knowing the exact locations. After identifying the locations, sites are handover in delay. Of which, most of the sites are in remote places and they faced enormous problems like encroachments, public spoiled the executed work, covered by paddy fields, in low level areas, without passages and HT Electrical lines etc., Further, the Contractors are not coming forward to take up the execution of the MPFC Godown works, which causes slow progress of work. However, due to enormous efforts made by the COs, as on 11.03.2025 the percentage of achievement is increased upto 69.26% and also made payments on the expenditure of Rs.1232.78 Lakhs. Finally, they requested to drop further action against them considering the facts and site conditions explained by them. The DoAM, A.P., Guntur, has reported that, the administrative jurisdiction of CO-I was 208 nos. of works grounded and CO-II & III have grounded 41 no of works. And it is also noticed that, out of 208 works under CO-I, 131 no of works were completed as on 11.03.2025 with a percentage of achievement is increased upto 62.98% and 77 no of works were under in various stages. And pertains to CO –II & III total 41 no of works under administrative jurisdiction and 18 no of works were completed as on 11.03.2025 with a percentage of achievement is increased upto 43.90% and 23 no of works under progress in various stages.

**8)** Government, after careful examination of the Written Statement of Defences submitted by the three (3) Charged Officers and the remarks of Director of Agricultural Marketing it has observed that, due to delay in handover the sites, prevailing site conditions and other reasons the delay in progress of works occurred and found that the explanations are convincing.

Therefore, the Government is hereby decided to drop further action against the three (3) Charged officers, as there is no financial misappropriations involved in this issue.

**9)** Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri Y.Srinivas Rao, Executive Engineer(AM) Vijayawada, Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM), Kakinada & Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM) Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru.

**10)** The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**B.RAJSEKHAR, IAS,**
**EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
Sri Y. Srinivas Rao, Executive Engineer(AM) Vijayawada.
Sri Venkateswara Palo, DEE(AM) Kakinada.
Sri M.Srinivasu, AE(AM) Kakinada and presently OD at O/o. DEE(AM), Eluru.
(Through: Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)

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The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Cooperation.
The Agri.&Coop.(MKTG.I) Dept.,
SF/SC(2028399).

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